

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Colonel Albert A. Pope, the automobile manufacturer, is dead.

The town of Monticello, N. Y., has been almost completely destroyed by fire.

Taft has cut Madison, Wis., from his itinerary in order to avoid meeting La Follette.

Officers and men of the cruiser St. Louis are suspected of smuggling goods from Samoa.

Six children are dead at Reading, Pa., because they were attended only by witch doctors.

The famous Kiel canal of Germany has been temporarily blocked by the sinking of a steamer.

A French aeronaut has crossed the Alps in a balloon. The highest altitude attained was 18,373 feet.

Samuel R. Van Sant will probably be elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. and Atlantic City selected as the next meeting place.

Gorzag, a town of 300 inhabitants, has been selected as the future capital of Brazil. Owing to its altitude it enjoys a pleasant climate.

English cablegrams say that American iron and steel manufacturers have placed large orders for the immediate shipment of fireclay brick for the erection of many additional blast furnaces.

Orville Wright says he can fly 1,000 miles in his aeroplane.

The first signs of a break in the Swedish strike are appearing.

China has yielded to Japan in the Antung-Mukden railway affair.

Count Zeppelin, the German aeronaut, has undergone an operation for abscess.

The Milwaukee road will soon establish through service from St. Paul to the coast.

Greece refuses to renounce her claim to Crete and Austria warns Turkey against war.

Cannon intends spending the time until the regular session of congress taking a rest.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., likes the air and will apply for a pilot's license to go ballooning.

Harriman is to merge the Illinois Central and New York Central with the Union Pacific.

Mrs. Harry Thaw wants \$500,000 from the Thaw family purse, but the price is considered too high.

A Los Angeles inventor is looking for a wife with money enough to back him in building a flying machine.

The Forty-third National encampment of the G. A. R. is in session at Salt Lake. Fully 50,000 are in attendance.

Mobile, Alabama, is now in the list of "dry" towns.

Spain explains the Barcelona outbreak as a local affair.

A granddaughter of General Corbin is to marry a Japanese.

Great Britain is not greatly alarmed at the Japanese threats on China.

Jerome says Thaw is still crazy and should be kept in an insane asylum.

Japan has commenced work on the Auting railroad in defiance of China.

California gardeners at Basadena have passed resolutions declaring Burbank a fakir.

A California couple returning from a honeymoon abroad have been arrested for undervaluing goods brought home.

Turkey has renewed her threat to send an armed force into Greece if that country does not withdraw her troops from Crete.

The Swedish general strike continues and leaders claim more men are to be called out. Two regiments of soldiers have mutinied.

Japan has sent China an ultimatum on the railroad situation in Manchuria.

Cleveland, Ohio, officers are having a row over the Whittia kidnapping reward.

Lord Kitchener is to be field marshal and organize the British colonial forces.

Marriages of pretty cashiers has caused Los Angeles hotel men to employ men.

The Moors are again showing activity and another clash with Spanish troops is expected.

The murder of a Mexican girl by a Chinaman has caused an outbreak at Zapotlan, Mexico.

Venezuela is about to bring to a close the disputes with foreign powers dating from Castro's regime.

The Chinese government has made arrangements to install a telephone plant in Pekin with a capacity of 200,000 lines. The instruments are to be American make.

Heat is claiming more victims at Chicago.

PINCHOT LOUDLY CHEERED.

Fight Water Trust is Theme of Government's Chief Forester.

Spokane, Aug. 11.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, caused perhaps the chief sensation at yesterday's session of the National Irrigation congress.

A five-minute ovation was given him when he took the rostrum, and similar cheering and "three cheers and a tiger" were given when he had concluded.

Mr. Pinchot took occasion to denounce the activity of the water-power trust which, he said, though still in its inception, bids fair to overshadow all other trusts. He charged that the irrigation congress is being made the tool of the corporate interests whose agents are being made members of important committees for the purpose of domineering the activities of the congress.

George S. Long, representing the lumbermen of the Northwest, himself connected with a big lumber concern in Seattle, denied that the interests of the lumbermen are inimical to those of the consumer. He said that the lumberman is only trying to supply a healthy demand and that reforestation will begin in earnest when the demand has reached the high-price point.

E. T. Allen, United States district forester, brought applause upon himself when he appealed for safe and sane lumbering and the conservation of water.

Addresses on this subject also were made by E. M. Griffith, of Wisconsin, and E. T. Campbell, of Canada.

J. N. Teal of the joint conservation committee, made an appeal for the enlargement of the scope of waterways on the Pacific coast.

He showed the possibility of making navigable the Columbia river for a distance of 2,500 miles by applying the cost of a single battleship to the work. He declared that river transportation is the greatest of automatic rate adjusters, and cited the case of Columbia river improvement recently made.

Politics did not enter the lobby discussions, but much comment was heard for and against the resolution which will be proposed by Secretary Hooker, of the board of control, asking a bond issue of \$5,000,000 by the national government to be used as an irrigation fund which may be loaned to irrigators unable to carry out projects which need only financial aid to make them immensely valuable.

It is expected that this resolution will call forth much discussion and opinions are pretty evenly divided.

ONE DEFECT FOUND.

Remarkable Showing at Coeur d'Alene Land Drawings.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—Judge Witten resumed the drawing of the Coeur d'Alene reservation at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The crowd, small at first, increased soon to several hundred, but at no time was there the same enthusiasm as was witnessed on the first day, probably due to the fact that numbers after 1,500 are considered of little value.

Yesterday Judge Witten added several to his large force of clerks. These are busy proof reading, typewriting names and sending cards to the winners.

One of the interesting features of the day was the number of persons calling at the land office to make sure they are the genuine winners of the numbers. Sometimes two men of the same name appear, and the judge hands each a piece of paper upon which he asks each to write his name, age, height, etc., and these must correspond with the particulars on the application.

The first rejection of application occurred yesterday when the name of A. D. Boughman, of Charlotte, Mich., through Agent Edwin L. Coy, of the same place, was read. It was rejected on the ground that Ellerton R. Bayles, the notary public of that town, did not specify that he was an authorized notary to make out papers for land drawing. Out of the 3,000 drawn, this is found to be the only one defectively executed.

Fire Provides Pot Hunt.

Ukiah, Cal., Aug. 11.—Driven before a forest fire that swept over Duncan peak, a few miles from Hopland yesterday, hundreds of bucks, does, fawns, rabbits, squirrels and other game fled down into the fields about the springs to become targets for dozens of rifles, shotguns and pistols with which hotel guests and employees turned out to join in an unexpected pot hunt. For several hours the hills rang with the crash of musketry, and when the fusillade was over 14 fine bucks and a brown bear were slain.

Search for Lost Steamer.

Capetown, Cape Colony, Africa, Aug. 11.—The government has ordered a search along the east African coast with the hope that some survivors from the steamer Waratah, now missing over two weeks, may be saved. On board the steamer were 300 passengers, half of whom were women and children. A few hours before the Waratah was due to reach this harbor a terrible gale swept this coast, and it is believed the vessel foundered.

Spain's Heavy Loss.

Lisbon, August 11.—Twelve thousand Spaniards lost their lives in the recent fighting in Morocco and the uprising at home, according to today's issue of Duero de Noticias, which has made reliable estimates, including the persons executed at Barcelona and elsewhere by the government. The paper says there is still grave danger of the revolutionary movement sweeping the entire kingdom.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS.

Session at University of Oregon Comes to Close.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The fifth annual session of the University of Oregon summer school, has just closed, and was the most successful of any yet held at Eugene. The enrollment reached practically 100 students. The students also were more representative, coming from nearly all parts of the state and including in addition to regular and prospective university students, many high school and upper grade principals and teachers. A series of daily lectures by Superintendents Ackerman, Stockton, Yoder and Cooper proved an attractive feature.

Plans for the next summer session are already being adopted and it is expected that the enrollment at that time will easily reach 200 students. A number of new courses, including chemistry, English composition and music are to be given. All of the instructors and lecturers of the past session will be here again and in addition to these the university hopes to secure Professor Murray, of Columbia university; Professor Bagley, author of the tests on methods, and Superintendent Trover of Monmouth.

Both the men's and women's dormitories are to be thrown open to summer school students and board and room will be given at the lowest possible cost.

School Heads to Meet June 28.

Salem.—The annual convention of county school superintendents has been called by J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, to meet in his office Monday, June 28. Among the topics to be considered are school supervision, how it may be made more effective; school libraries, how to use them; annual institutes, most important subject to emphasize for all institutes this year; school sanitation, what has been done, what should be done; school board convention, value of, how to conduct.

Chrysanthemum Show at Albany.

Albany.—Albany ladies will hold a chrysanthemum show in conjunction with the annual Apple Fair in this city during November. Mesdames L. E. Hamilton, E. W. Cooper and C. H. Stewart have been appointed a committee to devise means for the raising of the money needed, as well as to make other arrangements. A large number of women are raising chrysanthemums, and the event gives promise of being the best of its kind held in this state.

Electric Line for Baker.

Salem.—Declaring to have for its object the construction of electric lines in the vicinity of Baker City, the Baker Interurban Railway company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The new enterprise will have a capital stock of \$50,000. It is set forth in the papers filed that electric roads would be built from Baker City joining all the smaller towns with an up to date electric rapid transit system with the larger city.

Grand Ronde Crop a Big One.

Union.—That the grain crop in the Grand Ronde valley will be a bumper is evidenced by the fact that two car loads of grain bags have been received here to take care of the crop. Another car was divided between La Grande, North Powder and Union. The latter car was purchased by the farmers' union. It is said several cars were purchased by the farmers' union and distributed from La Grande to the various points throughout the valley.

Surveyors Nearing Coos.

Marshfield.—It is announced here that a surveying party is nearing Coos bay, having run a line for a proposed electric route from Okland, Douglas county. The local corporation which is promoting a road from Coos bay to Boise has surveyors in the field and expects to complete the preliminary survey to Roseburg before rainy weather begins. Local people are hopeful that at least one of the roads will materialize soon.

Huckleberries Big Crop.

Seaside.—Huckleberries are so plentiful in the hills about Seaside that everyone who takes the trouble to go after them comes home with buckets full. The berries are of great size and many gallons will remain on the bushes for lack of people to gather them. Wild blackberries are just ripening and will be a big crop.

Lumber Company Complains.

Salem.—The Bridal Veil Lumber company has complained to the state railroad commission that the rates on lumber on the Mount Hood railroad are too high. The Bridal Veil Lumber company also claims that the Oregon Lumber company is owned by the railroad and that this company gets a much lower rate than other shippers.

Apricots Grow in Valley.

Albany.—That apricots grow successfully in the Willamette valley is conclusively shown by the fact that Mrs. S. A. Douglas, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist church, of this city, last week canned 40 quarts of apricots grown on trees in the yard surrounding the Douglas residence in this city.

Sheep Shearing Completed.

Gold Beach.—Shearing is about over in Curry county. The clip is of good quality though hardly up to its average weight. Most of it has been disposed of at prices ranging from 24 to 26 cents.

COOS ROUTE FEASIBLE.

Proposed Line From Boise Shorter Than Present Roads to Coast.

Roseburg.—H. G. Hurlbert, one of the engineers who helped to locate the Southern Pacific through this portion of Oregon about 30 years ago, while in this city recently said he believes one or more railroads into the Coos bay region connecting with Eastern trunk lines are sure to be built soon. From personal examination he knows the Umpqua route over the Cascade mountains to be one of the very best, and believes it will not remain unoccupied much longer.

He says this route is 200 miles shorter from Boise, Idaho, to the coast than that of any present railroad line reaching the Pacific. Coos bay is 300 miles nearer to Panama than is Portland, thus making a difference of 500 miles in favor of the Coos bay route. With immense traffic awaiting the building of a railroad from Coos bay to Boise, there is reason to believe some strong company will take up the matter and put the road through in the next two or three years.

Steel Bridge Across Rogue.

Grants Pass.—The new steel bridge across Rogue river at Grants Pass has been completed and opened to traffic. The new structure is one of the finest in Southern Oregon. The contracting company were at a loss in building it, owing to the carrying away of piers by freshets during the winter. The bridge was to have been completed January 1, according to the original contract, but the court granted an extension of time to the builders.

New Dairy Bulletin.

Prof. J. H. Frandon, of the dairy department of the University of Idaho, has in press Bulletin 67 on the subject of "Better Dairy Methods." This bulletin contains much that will be of interest to all directly or indirectly interested in dairying; much that should help to make dairying more profitable and desirable as a business. This bulletin will be sent free to all requesting it. Address Department of Dairying, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

Clatskanie Sawmill Burns.

Clatskanie.—The Kratz & Anderson shingle mill at Hazel Grove, one and a half miles from here, was burned to the ground while the manager and crew were attending the Clatskanie celebration. A spark from the sawdust pile, which was supposed to be safely out, is thought to have caused the damage. The mill was constructed only last winter and gave employment to a crew of ten men.

Wallawa Yields Heavy.

Enterprise.—Harvest is about to begin on the largest grain crops ever raised in Wallawa county, by far the largest in acreage and equal to any previous year in yield per acre. Conditions, both weather and soil, have been unusually favorable ever since the fall wheat was sown, and the advent of the railroad encouraged a larger planting than was ever known before.

\$8,900 Loaned on Land.

Salem.—The state land board has approved loans aggregating \$8,900.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, new, \$1@2.25 per box; cherries, 6@12c per pound; peaches, 45c@1 per box; cantaloupes, 2@2.50 per crate; plums, 75c@1.25 per box; raspberries, \$1.40@1.50 per crate; watermelons, 1@1.50c per pound; blackberries, \$1.40 per crate; wild blackberries, 8@10c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon, 75c@1 per sack. Vegetables—Beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2@1 1/4c; celery, 90c@1 per dozen; cucumbers, 15@25c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; peas, 7@8c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; tomatoes, 40c@1.25 per box.

Wheat—New crop, bluestem, \$1; club, 95c; red Russian, 93c; valley, 97c; Turkey red, 95c; 40-fold, 96 1/2c. Barley—New, 26.50@27 per ton.

Hay—New crop—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; mixed, \$15.50@16.50; alfalfa, \$13.50; clover, 11@13; cheat, \$13@14.50.

Grain bags—5 1/2c each. Butter—City creamery, extras, 30 1/2c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 27 1/2@30 1/2c; store, 21@22c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 27@28c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 14 1/2@15c per pound; springs, 14 1/2@15c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; geese, young, 9@10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, 17.75@22 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11 1/2c per pound. Veal—Extras, 9 1/4@10c per pound; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 7c.

Hops—1909 contracts, 21@22c per pound; 1908 crop, 16c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.60; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.75. Sheep—Top wethers, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, 5.25@5.50.

Hogs—Best, 9@9.25; fair to good, 8@8.50; stockers, 6@6; China fats, 6.75@7.

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